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LAND REFORMS AND DEVELOPMENT OF WASTELAND
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) The total area of land found to be wasteland in the country as on date and the percentage of such land vis-â€¦-vis the total land;

(b) Whether the Government has constituted a high powered committee to invite suggestions regarding land reforms and wasteland development; and

(c) If so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted for selection of the members of the committee ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A.NARENDRA)

(a) As per the Wastelands Atlas of India 2000 published by the Department of Land Resources in collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Agency, Hyderabad, 63.85 m. ha. area have been identified as wastelands in the country, which is 20.17% of the total surveyed area of the country.

(b)&(c) No Sir. The Ministry has not constituted any high powered committee on land reforms and development of wasteland.